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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4511

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJ: INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

1. THE INDIAN PRESS MARCH 8 CARRIED REPORTS THAT MINSTATE FOR PLANNING I.K. GUJRAL MAY BE NAMED TO MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE SAMACHAR SIMPLY REPORTED THAT IT WAS "AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED" THAT GUJRAL WOULD PROBABLY BE GIVEN AN IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT. THIS FOLLOWED THE DECISION OVER THE WEEKEND THAT GUJRAL WOULD NOT BE GIVEN CONGRESS PARTY ENDORSEMENT TO RUN FOR REELECTION TO THE UPPER HOUSE (RAJYA SABHA) IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER.

2. IT HAD BEEN RUMORED A MONTH OR SO AGO THAT PM GANDHI WAS PUTTING PRESSURE ON GUJRAL TO TAKE THE MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT BUT THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS STRONG PREFERENCE TO REMAIN IN INDIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS AND SEEK REELECTION. THE DECISION NOT TO GIVE HIM A "TICKET" FOR A RAJYA SABHA SEAT LEAVES GUJRAL WITH THE CERTAINTY OF LOSING HIS MINISTERSHIP AND LITTLE ELSE IN THE WINGS EXCEPT MOSCOW.

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3. WHEN AND IF THE SWEEPSTAKES ON THE APPOINTMENT

ARE DEFINITELY COLLECTED, WE WILL SEND YOU A
SEPARATE MESSAGE ON HIS BACKGROUND AND ATTITUDES.
IT MAY BE GATHERED FROM THE ABOVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE
ASSIGNMENT IS APPARENTLY BEING FORCED ON GUJRAL
AND THAT HIS POLITICAL STAR IS NOT HIGH.
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